

Baltimore, Oct. 22nd 1862

Dear Mother,

I rec'd your very kind letter last Saturday and was very glad to hear from you. The Doctor went through here one night last week, if I had known when he ~~was~~ had been coming I might have seen him as well ~~as well~~ as not for he passed right by the Hospital that I am in.

You think that I must suffer with the cold and damp nights. Well it has not rained but two or three times since we have been in Baltimore, it is rather cold nights and warm days, last night was the coldest night we have had yet.

I was lucky enough not to be on guard but have got to be on to night. We have a good warm place to sleep in the Hospital, so that one blanket is is a plenty to keep us warm. I suppose it is a great deal colder up in camp than it is down here. I wish Harrison could come down here with me for I think that we will make this our winter quarter and we shall have *matresses* to sleep on in a few days and when it gets cold enough to need a fire we shall have a stove in our room. The work is not hard we have only to stand on guard only 8 hours out of 48 and drill 3. The board we get here is a great deal worse than it is up in camp. We have not had any thing but bread and coffee for supper in over a month, for breakfast we have bacon, bread and coffee and for dinner we have *pottatoes*, fresh beef and bread, the dinner is good enough for me but the rest you can judge for your self. We have drawn our rations from the Regt. and as soon as we can get a place to cook then we will have them fixed to suit our own taste, that will be in course of a day or two.

I was up to camp yesterday, our company sold some of their rations and bought a bag of corn meal and made a good old fashioned pudding such as you need to make ~~for~~ Sunday *affternoon* for lunch, the boys from Leonardsville are all well. Harrison got a letter from Alfred He is at Fairfax. We will be paid off the first day of next month. I allotted \$800 dollar per month to be sent home, we shall get 2 months pay, if I get what is owing[?] me I shall send home \$35.000 besides the \$18.00 that will be sent by allotment.

Jim[?] Duane just come in and said that Sam Bennett had got back from home and had brought some thing for me from home so I will [CO] go up and see what it is before I finish this letter. He is in another part of the city on guard.

I finish this letter.

I wish you would send me a copy of the Herald. Direct them to U.S.A.
Hospital Wests Building.

Well I have been up to see what I had got from home but he had carried it all up to camp. So I shall have to wait till tomorrow when I get *of* guard and then I will go up to camp and see what I have got. I know it is some thing nice.

I saw a fellow from the 26th Regt. to day he say the boys from L— are all well he said Delay[?] was with Regt., he said Oscar [?] was [?] sergeant in Co. B. and would be [CO] promoted to 1st Lieut when he got well enough to be with the Regt.

It is getting most 9 o'clk, the time I go on guard, so I [CO] must bid you good night.

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